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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

It's time to think about school again when the air gets crisp and cool and the leaves begin to show hues of red and yellow and smoke curls lazily out of the chimneys and floats across blue skies. It's the time of year when you're full of pep and ambition and ready to conquer new fields for reasons of occupational advancement or just for the fun of it.

If you want training on the college, graduate or undergraduate level, there are many opportunities for such study at the USDA Graduate School, room 1031 S, and in the local colleges and universities. Commercial training is offered by the Graduate School and more extensively by local business schools.

If you're interested in high school courses, the D. C. High Schools conduct night school classes in subjects ranging from home economics to accounting, with dancing and dramatics in between. The YWCA offers many excellent classes for women.

Catalogs and class schedules for many of the schools have already been issued and may be reviewed in the office of your bureau personnel officer, training officer or contact officer. The latter have excellent lists, prepared by the War Workers' Council, which show under each subject the schools having courses in that subject and the hours the courses are given. Main headings on this list are: art, aviation, commercial studies, dramatics, health education, home economics, music, photography, public speaking, radio, world affairs, writing and languages (11 of them).

"There's no time like the present" to resume your education. Open new vistas for yourself thru education.

THANK YOU

We wish to offer a vote of thanks to the folks at the Experimental Farm at Beltsville. They have been keeping our cafeterias supplied with beautiful gladiolas, grown on the Farm. We all appreciate and enjoy the flowers. Seeing them makes us happier for the rest of the day.

SOFTBALL

The USDA Men's Softball League is still going strong. Latest news is that Plant and Operations defeated Solicitors for the First Half Championship.

Friday, September 7, a regular game, BAE vs Storage, will be played on diamond # 5, Monument Grounds, at 6 o'clock. Spectators invited.

ARKANSAS STATE SOCIETY

Arkansas folks are having a super picnic at Plot 24, near 16th and Kennedy Streets, in Rock Creek Park, on Sunday, September 9, from two till seven.

Pack your picnic basket, get your family together and come out and enjoy the fun. Cold soft drinks will be served by the Society.

A. A. F. BAND CONCERT

On Sunday evening, September 9, at 8:30, the Army Air Forces will favor Washington with a concert at the Watergate. This is a program you'll not want to miss. Since it's free, be sure to arrive early and bring along a cushion.

BLOOD DONORS

Thruout the war, USDA employees made a fine record at the Blood Donor Center, one of which we are all justly proud. As you know, most east coast centers were closed on August 15; however, TYPE "O" BLOOD may still be donated at the Pentagon. The hours are 9 to 12:30, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Emergency Room, ext. 3281, can give you further information. Be sure to take along some means of identifying yourself as a Government employee; otherwise, you will not be admitted to the Pentagon.

Free blood donor transfusion service which the Emergency Room has conducted for some time for employees and members of their immediate families will be continued.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

The National Gallery of Art at 6th and Constitution Ave. will exhibit new acquisitions in the Rosenwald Collection, beginning September 9. Among the exhibits will be prints and drawings from the 15th century thru contemporary times. The hours are 10 to 5, weekdays, and 2 to 10 on Sundays. Each Sunday at 8, concerts are presented in the East Garden Court. On September 9, Robert Kitzin, Violinist, will be featured and on September 16, Pfc. Joseph Battista, Pianist, will play.

The Spanish Luncheon Club meets the 1st and 3d Wed. of each month. Call ext. 4328 for reservations.

USDA CHORAL GUILD

The war is over so let's sing for joy. The USDA Choral Guild, under the direction of Dr. Walter Bauer, will hold its first meeting at 5:40 p.m., September 11, in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium. Plans will be made for regular weekly rehearsals. For further information, call Mrs. Henneberry, extension 6237.

GARDEN HARVEST SHOW

How's the garden produce? Is it going to be blue ribbon quality? Don't forget the Garden Harvest Show to be held in the Patio September 27 and 28. Rules have been issued and may be obtained from your bureau contact officer, at the Information Desk in the Patio and in the cafeterias. Plan your garden produce and home-canning exhibits in accordance with the rules. Everyone is invited to view the exhibits between 1 p.m., September 27 thru 5:30, September 28.

RECIPES

Mmm! Mmm! "Egg Dishes for any Meal" and "Tomatoes on Your Table", pamphlets issued by HN&HE, contains many delectable recipes which make your mouth water merely to read them. You want to tie on your apron and get out your bowl and spoon and prepare a fluffy omelet or a luscious green tomato pie. Get your copies at the Publications Desk in the Patio.

FOR TEEN-AGERS!

It's almost fall and that means it's time to go back to school. What an opportunity--this privilege of acquiring an education to equip you to perform much higher grade duties than you are now doing. High school and college educations give you a background that equips you to assume greater responsibilities, that teaches you to think and understand and makes of you a person of vision who will get far more from life than you will if you skimp on your education.

Prepare yourself to meet the requirements of jobs with higher standards and increased responsibilities. Many service men and women who are well-trained in their fields are coming home to take the jobs of the untrained teen-agers who have done a swell job of filling in during the war. Now that these veterans are returning you'll have a chance to complete your education. Get wise, teen-agers. Go back to the carefree school days of youth while you're young so you can more fully assume adult responsibilities. You will help preserve the fine traditions of our country.

It's just about two weeks until most of the nation's schools begin the fall term. Make your decision, now. Fall into line.

Catherine Steinman, ext. 3143, room 40 W, replaces Clarice Hatai as UMF contact officer.

THINGS TO SEE CLOSE BY

Drop in just across 14th and Independence Ave. at the Auditor's Building, to see the Library of Congress exhibit entitled "New Uses for Old Buildings." The exhibit is open from 9 to 5:30, weekdays. Stop in during your lunch period.

The Aquarium in the Basement of the Commerce Building, 14th and E St., N. W., is open Monday thru Friday, 9 to 4.

The Washington Monument is open 9 to 5 every day, including Sundays.

The Freer Gallery of Art, 12th and Independence Ave., is open 9 to 4:30, Tuesday thru Sunday.

FOR SEAMSTRESSES

Have you a copy of Farmers' Bulletin No. 1954, "Making a Dress at Home"? It's an excellent guide for the beginning seamstress and there are helpful hints which the experienced seamstress will be glad to know about. Copies may be obtained at the Publications Desk in the Patrio.

"YOUR CHILD FROM ONE TO SIX"

The Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor has recently issued a revision of its book "Your Child from One to Six." This book is an excellent aid to the mother of young children. It may be obtained for 15¢ from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

TRANSPORTATION

It is no longer necessary to have tire applications certified in the Department. Tire application forms may be secured at any gasoline station. After the inspection is made, fill in additional information requested and forward direct to your local board.

Personnel Relations will with your cooperation continue to operate a car pooling service. You will notice that there are many more people needing rides than there are rides offered. If you would like to share your car you may register by calling ext. 3105.

WANT RIDES

Miss Webster, 4523 - 9th St., N. W., ext. 4189

Mrs. Hoffman, 1315 Geranium St., N. W., ext. 2644

Mrs. Romero, 7019 Georgia Ave., N.W., ext. 5711

Miss Crele, 2100 - 16th St., N. W., ext. 2202

Miss Umberger, 18th and Columbia Road, N. W., ext. 6327

Mr. Cooper, 1301 - 15th St., N. W., ext. 2630

Mrs. Waters, 1220 - 19th St., N. E., ext. 5631

Miss Williamson, 1515 Park Road, N. W., ext. 3450

WANTS ROTATOR

Miss Swiger, 4367 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington, Va., ext. 4103

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